

**CITY OF COPPERAS COVE
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 2, 2002 - 7:00 P.M.**

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rodney G. Nauert called the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Copperas Cove, Texas to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Harris gave the Invocation, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. ROLL CALL

ALSO PRESENT

Bradi D. Diaz
Ray Don Clayton
John F. Gallen
Charlotte Heinze
Fred Harris
Bud Owsley
Annabelle Smith

Steven Alexander, City Manager
Pamela Russell, City Secretary
Jim Thompson, Interim City Attorney

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Smith

- Thank you to everyone who attended the "Copperas Cove Birthday Party", it was a wonderful evening, look for the event next year.

Council Member Owsley

- Gave recognition to the volunteers who helped with the City Manager reception, and gave thanks to various restaurants that donated refreshments. Volunteers who helped were: Annie Hoffpauir, Sherry Hoffpauir, Nancy Baxter, Erin Lampkin, and Tina Mason. Restaurants and Businesses that donated to the event were: Schlotzsky's, Quizno's, Lil Tex, Copperas Cove Economic Development Corporation, Killeen Subway, Casa Ole', KCYL Radio Station, Cove Carpet and Decorating Center.

Council Member Harris

- Observed problems of flying the American flag in the City. There is etiquette for flag flying, and we should honor that, and stated that our flag should never be left in the dark.
- Attended the Habitat for Humanity groundbreaking ceremony today, along with the Mayor, and Council Member Gallen.
- Attended Don Green's ceremony at Fort Hood appointing him as the civilian aid to the Secretary of the Army.

- Attended the CTC and Tarleton State Center for African Studies. All of the lectures are open to the public.
- The next America's Promise meeting will be held April 4th at 5:45 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Council Member Gallen

- Attended the Police Academy Alumni Association graduation, and gave thanks to Danny Austin and Chief Molnes of the Copperas Cove Police Department. The next class will begin in September.

Mayor Pro Tem Bradi Diaz

- Invited all citizens to attend the Taste of Cove on April 18th, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity to showcase your business.

Mayor Nauert

- Various civic, church and social groups will construct the "Habitat for Humanity Home". This is a great project for Cove.

E. PUBLIC RECOGNITION

1. Proclamation – Week of the Young Child.

Mayor Nauert read the proclamation and presented it to Diana Hunter and Martha Price. Both ladies gave thanks to the City for supporting the Week of the Young Child.

2. Proclamation – Quarters for Kids Treasure Chest Campaign.

Mayor Nauert read the proclamation and presented it to Noon Exchange Club President, Jean Durham, who thanked the City for its support, and also introduced the club's newest member, Steven Alexander, City Manager.

- F. CITIZEN'S FORUM** citizens are allowed to speak on any matter other than personnel matters, matters under litigation, or matters on the regular agenda, for a length of time not to exceed five minutes per person. Thirty minutes total has been allotted for this section.

Diane Steel, 905 N. 4th Street. Expressed several complaints against the Solid Waste Department.

Donald Hollingsworth, 503 Atkinson. Complained about the dangerous situation on HWY 190 and the intersection of FM 116 and Georgetown Road, with gravel trucks that do not pay attention to the red light. Sometimes they are driving as fast as 80 miles per hour, Mr. Hollingsworth expressed concern that some one could be killed. Complained about the code enforcement citations, and suggested they may be issued unfairly.

Tonya Stanley, 114 Saddle Drive. A vacant lot at the back of her property has snakes, high grass and weeds. Ms. Stanley requested assistance from the City to help resolve the problem.

G. CONSENT ITEMS

1. Consideration and action on approval of minutes from the March 19, 2002 Regular City Council Meeting. ***Pamela J. Russell, City Secretary***

2. Consideration and action on the approval of using the Municipal Court Technology Fund to purchase computer equipment in the amount of \$2,328.00. ***Christine Julius, Interim Director of Finance***

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve consent items 1, and 2. Council Member Heinze seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS/ACTION

I. ACTION ITEMS

1. Consideration and action on Ordinance No. 2002-03 – amending Chapter 17, Streets, Sidewalks, Public Grounds of the City of Copperas Code of Ordinances, to prohibit mud from construction sites in the streets and to prohibit private structures in the street rights-of-way. ***Paul Boyer, City Engineer***

Council Member Gallen made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2002-03. Council Member Harris seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

The Ordinance caption reads as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2002-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE, TEXAS ADDING SECTION 17-5, PROHIBITION OF CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS IN PUBLIC STREETS OR DRAINAGE FACILITIES; SECTION 17-6, PROHIBITION OF PRIVATE STRUCTURES; SECTION 17-7, AUTHORIZED STRUCTURES; SECTION 17-8, CONSTRUCTION IN PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY; SECTION 17-9, OBSTRUCTIONS AND ENCUMBERANCES DECLARED NUISANCE; SECTION 17-10, SAME—ABATEMENT; AND SECTION 17-11, VIOLATION AND PENALTIES; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THIS AMENDMENT; DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

2. Consideration and action on proposed Ordinance No. 2002-09, requiring public library borrowers to disclose either their social security number, driver's license number, or Texas state identification number in their application forms, and making it unlawful to retain library materials 20 days after receiving written notice demanding the return of the materials. ***Peg Fleet, Library Director***

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2002-09. Council Member Clayton seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

The Ordinance caption reads as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2002-09

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE, TEXAS AMENDING CHAPTER 10 OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO THE PUBLIC LIBRARY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THIS AMENDMENT; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

3. Consideration and action on appointment of a member to the Planning and Zoning Commission to fill a vacancy. **Wayne Herrington, City Planner**

Council Member Gallen made a motion to appoint John Skirmont to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Council Member Clayton seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

4. Consideration and action on Ordinance No. 2002-08 canceling the May 4, 2002 General Election and declaring each unopposed candidate elected to office. **Pamela J. Russell, City Secretary**

Council Member Heinze made a motion to approve ordinance No. 2002-08. Mayor Pro Tem Diaz seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

The Ordinance caption reads as follows:

ORDINANCE 2002-08

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES IN THE MAY 4, 2002 GENERAL CITY ELECTION, ELECTED TO OFFICE; CANCELING THE ELECTION; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

5. Consideration and action on an agreement between the City of Copperas Cove and the Boys and Girls Club of Coryell County to provide funding to the Cove Country Opry. **Steven J. Alexander, City Manager**

Council Member Owsley made a motion to approve the item as presented. Council Member Gallen seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Council member Owsley then amended his motion to state that the contract would be amended to run for a six-month period, and renewed in October, after the budget had been approved for the next fiscal year. Council Member Gallen seconded the amended motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

J. STAFF REPORTS

1. Update on grants. **Susan Way, Grants Administrator**

Susan Way, Grants Administrator gave an overview of the grants completed, active and pending for the City of Copperas Cove. Said the City had received almost \$1.5 million in grant money since the beginning of fiscal year 2000-01.

2. New spring programs. **Linda Tyler, Parks and Recreation Director**

Linda Tyler, Parks and Recreation Director gave an overview of the new programs that are being offered. The tennis program "Rally Ball" has 82 children signed up, and costs \$35, this includes a tennis racquet. The lifeguard training program, can take 12 participants, and the course runs April 23rd thru May 3rd. Co-sponsoring with Texas A&M Extension Program there will be a class on black molds. This will be free of charge at the civic center on Monday April 18th. The Parks and Recreation Department will be co-sponsoring the "Benefit Seminar" for veterans on April 25th at the civic center.

K. REPORTS OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

L. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

- Council Member Harris - Deer Problem - Special Meeting, Public Hearing

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

N. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION RESULTING FROM ANY ITEMS POSTED AND LEGALLY DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

O. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Rodney G. Nauert, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pamela J. Russell, TRMC, City Secretary